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The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" I cannot say that such things have never happened in that part of the City; but I have no reason to believe that they are more frequent there than in any other part of the City."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" May I know if Government have received definite information as to why the police refused to take action ? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" It is not correct to say that the police refused to take action. They have recorded a complaint and the case is being investigated into."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Inland Waterways

Licence fee on boats plying in the Buckingham Canal.

522 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rate of licence fee that is levied on boats using the Buckingham Canal;

(*b*) whether in case during any part of the year the canal is unfit for traffic either on account of low level of water or on account of floods, any refund is made of the licence fees collected from the owners of boats; and

(*c*) if no such refund is made, why it is not done?

A.—(*a*) The rate of licence fees is as follows :—

	Annual.			Six weeks.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Steamers or motor vessels per ton of registered tonnage	25	8	0	*7	*8	0
Open cargo boats per ton of registered tonnage	4	8	0	0	15	0
Passenger boats and decked cargo boat per ton of registered tonnage ..	6	0	0	1	3	6

* For the first six weeks' licence and Rs. 4-8-0 for each of the subsequent licences in any one year.

(*b*) & (*c*) Under the Navigation rules licences are granted subject to the condition that claims for compensation in consequence of the closure of all or any of the canals for repairs, insufficiency of water or any other impediment to navigation shall not be recognized, but the Executive Engineer may extend the period of a six weeks' licence, without payment of an additional fee, in the event of a boat being stranded through an unforeseen insufficiency of water. The period of extension so granted shall not exceed the time required for the boat to reach its destination after the canal has again become navigable.